

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 631

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commend Jessica Faye Watson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Faye Watson is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Mike McDonald and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee; Jessica's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of White House High School, Jessica is the daughter of Kimberly L. Watson, step-daughter of Les Fugate, and sister of Derek Watson and Orey Fugate; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Jessica Watson has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and Public Relations and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee Lottery Scholarship recipient, Ms. Watson is a member of several prestigious academic organizations including the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Mortar Board Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Jessica is also active in community service programs and events including Raiders for Habitat, the Madison Little League, and various food, clothing, and fundraising drives as a member of her honor organizations; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Jessica Watson brought her many

abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, working for the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee officers and staff, Jessica quickly displayed the wonderful traits that deem her the best intern they have ever had – she is responsible, self-motivated, diligent, and takes great pride in a job well done; and

WHEREAS, a very talented young lady, Jessica's quick wit and easy-going manner, in addition to her skills with certificates and hair straightening, endeared her to the staff and members of the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee as they thoroughly enjoyed having her serve her internship in their office this session; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Jessica has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jessica Faye Watson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Mike McDonald and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.